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Public Works Department stated that the damages by sea erosion were not so serious as to necessitate remedial measures. In view of the reports of these two officers, I do not know how the hon. Member says that the damage has been very grave and so on. Well, I have got to verify that and ask the officers once again. That is all.''

Temple tanks in the City

* 957 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to cleanse the temple tanks in the City of Madras and pump out the stagnant water?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' The tanks attached to Sri Parthasarathiswami temple at Triplicane and Sri Kapaleeswarar temple at Mylapore are being cleaned by the Corporation of Madras periodically with reference to the arrangements entered into by these temples with the Corporation. As regards tanks attached to other temples, the Commissioner is taking action in consultation with the authorities of the temples.''

Sri S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—'' Sir, for a long time many representations have been made to Government with regard to cleansing of such tanks. Will Government expedite disposal of such representations? ''

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' Yes, Sir. So far as these two temples are concerned, they are being cleaned periodically by the Corporation of Madras.

With regard to other temples, the Deputy Commissioner, Tanjore, has reported that eleven tanks have got to be cleaned while the Deputy Commissioner, Coimbatore, has stated that ten tanks have to be cleaned. They are being looked into and they will be expedited.''

Sri P. S. NALLA GOUNDER :—'' பொதுவாக, இந்த ராஜ்யத்திலுள்ள எல்லாக் கோயில்களையும் சேர்ந்த குளங்களை மாதமொரு முறை சுத்தம் செய்ய ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படுமா ? ''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' This is about tanks in the City. If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer, I have no objection.''

Sri S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—'' Will the Hon. Minister tell me whether the cost of cleansing temple tanks is borne by the Corporation or the temple authorities concerned? ''

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' By the Corporation of Madras, so far as the City is concerned.''